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TO: All Interested Parties

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR COMMENTS ON A REVISED DRAFT OF THE
REGULATION FOR A PROPOSED CONTROL MEASURE FOR ON-ROAD
HEAVY-DUTY DIESEL VEHICLES OWNED OR OPERATED BY PUBLIC
AGENCIES AND UTILITIES

The Air Resources Board (ARB or the Board) is requesting comments on a revised draft of the regulation for a new proposed diesel particulate matter (PM) control measure for "On-road Heavy Duty Diesel Vehicles Owned or Operated by Public Agencies or Utilities." ARB has previously conducted workshops on this item on April 3, 2003, December 2-3, 2003, May 17-18, 2004, and October 7-8, 2004. The ARB staff has reviewed the comments received and, in some cases, incorporated suggested changes to the proposed regulations. Specifically, the applicability has been revised to clearly exempt military tactical vehicles, the definition of a low usage vehicle has been expanded, and a new implementation schedule has been added for municipalities and utilities located in "low population counties." The most current draft of the proposal can be downloaded at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/publicfleets/publicfleets.htm>. If you would like a hardcopy of the draft regulation mailed to you, please fill out the attached request for hardcopy and mail or fax it to the address or fax number provided in the attachment.

Staff encourages comments regarding the revised draft of the regulation, and would appreciate receiving written comments by January 21, 2005. Timely submittal of comments allows staff time to address comments before the proposed regulation order is submitted to the Board for consideration in early 2005. Please send your comments to Ms. Sharon Lemieux, Staff Engineer, by email at sclemieu@arb.ca.gov and copy Dr. Nancy L.C. Steele, Manager, by email at nsteele@arb.ca.gov, or by mail attention Ms. Sharon Lemieux, ARB, 9480 Telstar Avenue, Annex II, El Monte, California 91731.

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For a list of simple ways you can reduce demand and cut your energy costs, see our Website: <http://www.arb.ca.gov>.*

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If you have special accommodation or language needs, or have any questions or comments regarding this letter, please contact Ms. Neidy Pinuelas, Secretary, Heavy Duty Diesel In-Use Strategies Branch, at npinuela@arb.ca.gov or (626) 350-6454, as soon as possible. TTY/TDD/Speech-to-Speech users may dial 7-1-1 for the California Relay Service.

Sincerely,

Robert H. Cross, Chief
Mobile Source Control Division

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REQUEST FOR HARDCOPY OF THE DRAFT REGULATION

Please mail me a copy of the revised draft of the regulation for a new proposed diesel particulate matter (PM) control measure for "On-road Heavy Duty Diesel Vehicles Owned or Operated by Public Agencies or Utilities."

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zipcode _____

Please detach this request and mail it to the following:

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Or FAX the request to the following number: (626) 575-6699